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F COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE U.S. DEPAR FORM PTO-1390 (REV 12-29-99) TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES FRM-02601 U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. 28/01/98 08/01/99 PCT/EP99/00067 TITLE OF INVENTION
TEXTILE GRATING APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US PINTZ, Heiko Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/Đ/US) the following items and other information: This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 3710) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1). 3. X A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19thmonth from the earliest claimed priority date. A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) 5. X a. x is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). has been transmitted by the International Bureau. b. is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Of fice (RO/US). A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). ũ have been transmitted by the International Bureau. m have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. have not been made and will not be made. A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 3 71(c)(3)). An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). (unexecuted)  $\mathbf{x}$ A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 10. (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)). Hems 11. to 16. below concern document(s) or information included: An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. 1 An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance wit h 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. 12. A FIRST preliminary amendment. A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment. A substitute specification. A change of power of attorney and/or address letter. 16. X Other items or information: Translator Certificate (X) Certificate of Express Mailing No. EL506929441US (X) Information Concerning Elected Offices Notifed of their Election (X) Notice Informing the Applicant of the Communication of the International (X) Application to the Designated Offices.

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I verify that the attached English translation is a true and correct translation made by me of the attached documents in the German language of International Application PCT/EP99/00067;

I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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